REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are the only claims pending in this application.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-20 are subject to restriction as set forth in the Office Action. Responsive thereto the election of Group I, wherein claims 1-19, drawn to a method of protecting human and animal hair or skin from UV radiation, which involves contacting hair or skin with an effective amount of compounds of formulae 1, 2, or 3 is affirmed. As an individual compound, the compound MC 47, listed in Table MC2a on page 13 of the specification, corresponding to the formula below, is elected. This election is made without traverse.

The Applicants respectfully await consideration of the present claims on their merits. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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